AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, spanning lines 1-2, with the following paragraph:

The invention is ~~based on~~ directed to a circuit-breaker ~~as claimed in the precharacterizing clause of claim 1~~.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 6, spanning lines 1-20, with the following paragraph:

This first embodiment of the arcing chamber is rotationally symmetrical and extends along a longitudinal axis 1. The arcing chamber has an arc area, which is not illustrated here but in which an arc burns between two power contacts during the disconnection process. The arc heats the isolating gas in the arc area in a known manner. Some of this heated, pressurized gas flows out of the arc area through one of the power contacts, which is in the form of a tubular hollow contact 2. Figure 1 shows a second power contact 2a arranged opposite the hollow contact 2. An arrow 3 indicates the flow direction of this hot gas from the arc area into the exhaust region. The hollow contact 2 has a volume V1 in its interior. The gas flow indicated by the arrow 3 is deflected by an approximately conical deflection device 4, as indicated by an arrow 5, into a predominantly radial direction. The gas flow passes through openings 6, which are provided in the outer wall of the hollow contact 2, into an intermediate volume 7, which in this case is arranged concentrically with respect to the hollow contact 2 and has a volume V2. The openings 6 in the outer wall of the

hollow contact have a common cross section A1. The gases are swirled in the intermediate volume 7.